



## Annual Officer and Va'ad Nominations

CSZ will be holding our election for officers and Va'ad (Board) members at our annual congregational meeting on May 22. All officers, except for the president, are elected for a one-year term. We will also be electing at least three at large Va'ad members to serve three-year terms each.

The nominating Committee prepares a slate of candidates for election at the annual congregational meeting. We typically look for active members who share the Congregation's commitment to Jewish education, diversity and service to the community.

We are seeking suggestions from congregants for candidates to fill these positions. Congregation members may also self-nominate for a position by petition. The deadline for self-nominations is Wednesday, March 22, 2006.

Please contact Nominating Committee Chair Laura Lowe (415-584-2078 [llowesf@earthlink.net](mailto:llowesf@earthlink.net)) or any of the committee members (Dan Bellm, Mike Klayman, Rose Katz and Craig Persiko) with your suggestions or questions.

## There's still time to register for the CSZ Retreat!

Who would want to miss a weekend of relaxation in the country, with good friends and interesting new people, where all of your meals are prepared for you and you can swim and play and study and do art and sing? Not you! You can still register for the CSZ Community Retreat this year at Walker Creek Ranch in Petaluma, June 9th - 11th, and be a part of an extraordinary experience of Shabbat and community for people of all ages. Final registration is required by APRIL 28th. Contact Sue at 415-861-6932 x302 or [educator@shaarzahav.org](mailto:educator@shaarzahav.org) for an official registration form.

## Sha'ar Zahav announces Chai Major Gifts Program

by Marianne Balin

During the past three years, we have taken many steps to strengthen our congregation's financial position. One very important part of this plan has been to put much more effort into our ongoing fundraising. We recognize that while dues are the main component of our revenues, all successful congregations utilize various forms of fund development to sustain themselves. So to that end, our High Holiday campaign was strengthened, and for the past three years, CSZ has run a successful annual gifts campaign, the Rainbow Fund. The generosity with which many members and friends have participated in these programs has been truly inspiring.

Now we are pleased to announce another important fundraising effort, a major gifts campaign named the Chai Campaign. This new development program is envisioned as a way of offering congregants and friends of CSZ the opportunity to

make and be recognized for significant, sustaining investments in specific programs and projects.

The Chai Campaign was developed in 2005 with support from a generous grant from the Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Fund. The grant was awarded to CSZ with the specific purpose of helping us to develop a Major Gifts campaign. Tony Harris and I, CSZ Fund Development co-chairs, spearheaded planning for this effort. We were joined by an advisory committee that included Rabbi Angel, our President, Arthur Slepian, Vice President Ora Prochovnik, Treasurer Karen Schiller, and Past President Tiela Chalmers. Together, we developed and refined the program proposal and brought it to the Va'ad for approval last fall.

One of our biggest challenges in developing this campaign was creating a manageable list of projects and programs that we would ask people to fund with their major

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## KEEP NOT SILENT Winner of Israeli Academy Award for Best Documentary of 2004

Thursday, March 9, 7:30 pm  
at the LGBT Center

(Arrive early, as seating is limited).

Meet filmmaker, Ilil Alexander, whose stunning debut film boldly documents the clandestine struggle of three women fighting for their right to love within their beloved Orthodox communities in Jerusalem. All three are pious, religiously committed women who are lesbians and members of a secret support group called the "Ortho-Dykes." Though their life choices exact a devastating price, these women are committed to confronting their

duality, and accept the toll with a profound compassion toward their society. Ingenious cinematic techniques underscore the excruciating pain of constant self-suppression, and provide the anonymity necessary for these women to continue living in their communities. Their courageous fight for self-realization, honesty and acceptance is an extraordinary model for those who struggle with issues of religious and sexual identity.

Co-sponsored by Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, Frameline, the LGBT Center, and Consulate General of Israel.



## From the Rabbi's Study

# The Personal is Political

Among the more ridiculous and hysterical remarks my dear mother made to me upon first coming out to her as a lesbian was this, "Oh, Camille, you've always needed to have a cause. Why can't you pick something else to defend and promote?"

It was as amusing then as it is now to think of my sexuality as a "cause" and yet like so many gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, addressing the homophobia endemic in our society does take up much of my life's work. Indeed the 60's phrase holds true, "The personal is political." That is to say, the experiences, feelings and possibilities of our personal lives are not just a matter of personal preferences and choices but are limited, molded and defined by the broader political and social setting.

That which feels most intimate and personal has political implications. Obviously the choice to be an activist or not or to support this or that political project has political implications even though it is personally undertaken. But more so, all the choices we make, even the ones that seem totally apolitical and personal, have political implications. The choice to drive, bike or use public transportation, to reduce, reuse, recycle, to eat this or that or not, to shop fair trade or not, and so on, is personal, but it is also political.

Two extraordinary individuals, Betty Friedan, and Coretta Scott King, of blessed memory, lived their lives in the intersection of the personal and political. Their efforts to advance the rights of women, people of color, across race, faith and class lines were truly of heroic proportions. Their legacy inspires me as I prepare for Pesach, the festival of liberation.

Both Friedan and King were women who stood by their beliefs no matter what anyone thought. Did you know Coretta Scott King campaigned vigorously for gay rights even when many people, including some of her own family members, were dead-set against it? She felt that her husband's memory demanded a strong stand for gay and lesbian rights. "I still hear people say that I should not be talking about the rights of lesbian and gay people and I should stick to the issue of racial justice," she said



dream to make room at the table of brother- and sisterhood for lesbian and gay people... We are all tied together in a single garment of destiny. I can never be what I ought to be until you are allowed to be what you ought to be."

I wonder what cause my mother would have preferred me to take on? Campaigning against the death penalty? Fighting for Reproductive Rights? Protecting the environment? In the end, the work of social justice seems entirely intertwined. Whatever your cause, now is the time to stand up to Pharaoh and speak your truth to power. We all have our unique and precious role to play in the work of redemption.

Wishing you a meaningful Seder and Pesach festival,

*Camille Shira*



a few years ago. "But I hasten to remind them that Martin Luther King Jr. said, 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' I appeal to everyone who believes in Martin Luther King Jr.'s

## Shabbat Recovery

Friday, April 14, 2006  
7:30 pm

In light of April being Alcohol Awareness month, our evening will be devoted to raising awareness around the ongoing work of recovery and the Jewish theme of liberation.

## The Jewish Gaily Forward

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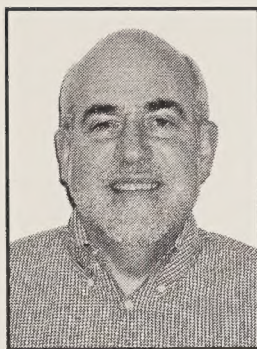
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## A Cantor for

CSZ



As the needs of our congregation change, there is increasing discussion about how we might add to the clergy resources that serve our community. In the near-term, I am pleased to report that we anticipate that we will be able to expand our rabbinic intern program from a summer position, as it has been for the past two years, into a year-long position for the year beginning in July 2006. Looking a bit further out, we are very hopeful that our Chai Major Gifts Campaign will provide the resources we need to hire a part-time cantor beginning in mid-2007. I want to use this column to focus on this idea of a cantor for CSZ.

As I listened to the discussion of this topic at recent meetings of our Ritual Committee, Personnel Committee, and Past President's Council, and the overwhelming way in which the idea was endorsed, I could understand even more clearly what an exciting new development this will be for CSZ. And that it is a change for which we are ready. It is first and foremost an opportunity for us to strengthen and enrich a very important aspect of synagogue life: the music of our prayer services. In 1999 Rabbi Eric Yoffie, President of the Union of Reform Judaism, focused his Biennial address on the need for a new "Reform revolution." He said, in part:

And what will be the single most important key to the success or failure of our revolution? Music. Every congregation that has revived its worship has begun with music that is participatory, warm, and accessible. Our wisest synagogues invite their members to sing, because they know that Jews feel welcomed, accepted, and empowered when they sing. Because ritual music is a deeply sensual experience that touches people in a way that words cannot. Music converts the ordinary into the miraculous, and individuals into a community of prayer. And music enables overly intellectual Jews to rest their minds and open their hearts... music will be the foundation upon which our worship revolution will be built. And this means that Jews will return to our sanctuaries only when we offer them music that is vibrant, spiritual, and community building; music that speaks directly to their soul.

I think Rabbi Yoffie's words of six years ago are true for our congregation today. We have some extraordinary musical talent among our lay ritual leaders, but we have only begun to develop its potential to consistently infuse our services with spirit and warmth. And we access only a small portion of the range of Jewish liturgical music that is our heritage. We have reached a time when we need someone with training in the school of Jewish sacred music to work with our rabbi and ritual committee to help guide and shape our services.

What kind of cantor would we look for? Our vision for a cantor is both someone who would frequently lead services together with our lay leaders, and who would also provide important training and mentorship to our ritual lay leaders, singers and musicians. Also, while the cantors in some synagogues appear to emphasize solo "performance" during services, our congregation has a strong tradition of active participation by the membership in singing and

chanting during services. While the occasional solo or duet during a service can create a powerful spiritual moment, we would look for a cantor who shared our vision of a congregation that is predominantly an active participant in the music of the services.

While a cantor's primary responsibility would be to help shape our ritual music, it is important to note that professional cantors are ordained clergy, and can also perform many of the pastoral duties once confined to rabbis, such as conducting weddings and funerals, visiting sick congregants, and teaching adult education and b'nei mitzvah classes. We would expect a cantor to be able to assist Rabbi Angel and contribute to our congregation in many of these areas.

How will we proceed with this important project? It is likely that sometime this spring I will appoint a Cantor Search Committee that will work with our Ritual and Personnel Committees to develop and refine both how we see the responsibilities of this role at CSZ, and the characteristics that would be most important to us in hiring a cantor. I fully expect that this committee would look for ways to involve the entire congregation in this conversation. Our goal would be to have the Search committee ready to begin interviewing candidates in early spring of 2007, about a year from now. At the same time, our fund development efforts will continue to ensure that the position can be properly funded.

I look forward to giving you an update on this topic and others at our Annual Congregational Meeting, set for Monday evening, May 22. Having this meeting on an evening is a bit of a change for us, and I hope that many of you will choose to join us! (See story on page 1.)

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### Chai Major Gifts Program

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gifts in the initial years of this campaign. The campaign committee worked with the Executive Committee and the Va'ad and ultimately three projects were selected and approved. We looked for projects that are of great strategic importance to our congregation's future and that will resonate with congregants and friends from the larger community, as we seek major gifts of \$5,000 or more. First, all agreed that the Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer Religious School will be one key focus of the campaign. Congregants and friends would be offered the opportunity to support a class with a \$5,000 gift. Multiple-year gifts will be encouraged to help strengthen the financial future of our school. Second, we will seek funding for the printing and publishing of our uniquely inclusive Siddur. We believe there is great value to our community and to the wider Jewish community in enabling a broad distribution of our prayerbook. (Our congregation first created its own prayerbook more than 20 years ago, and a major expansion and revision was completed about eight years ago.) And third, we will use this campaign to create a fund to help meet the congregation's need for additional clergy resources and its strong desire for a strengthened music program by providing the funding for the hiring of a qualified cantor. (Please see our President's column in this issue for added discussion of this last point.)

We are happy to announce that several major gifts have already been pledged, totaling \$130,000. Thanks to our lead donors for putting wind into our sails. We will acknowledge their names and gifts as the Chai Program develops.

If you are interested the giving opportunities described briefly in this article, please call Marianne Balin at 510.339.9468.





# Pinat Yeladim Umishpachah

Children and Family Corner



## Get Connected with Baby Havurah!

Baby Havurah provides a monthly opportunity for the under 2 set to get together and bond with their future bnei mitzvah class while their parents share tips and trials. To get connected, join the Baby Havurah listserv by contacting Jonathan Crosby at [yyohan@yahoo.com](mailto:yyohan@yahoo.com).

## Tot Shabbat

Saturday, March 25, 10:30 -11:30 am  
Saturday, April 22, 10:30 -11:30 am

Come celebrate Shabbat with your tot. Bring your 2- to 5-year-olds for singing, prayer, storytelling, crafts and Jewish family fun with Sandra Menachem, Early Childhood Education Specialist. Younger siblings and nonmembers are welcome.

## Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, March 17, 6:30 pm  
Friday, April 21, 6:30 pm

Meet, eat, sing and celebrate Shabbat with CSZ families, then stay for Friday night services. Families with children of all ages are welcome. Dinner is vegetarian potluck. Bring a dish to share plus family and friends. No RSVP is required.

## People of the Book

This spring our Beit Sefer students conclude our two-year curriculum cycle with our sixth and final theme, People of the Book. In the fall, they will begin the cycle again with Sacred Time and Space, as their cur-

riculum spirals through our six core themes deepening their understanding of these big Jewish ideas as they re-encounter them at different points in their development.

The late spring is when we celebrate Shavuot and that eternal moment when God gave us the Torah for the first time. As people of the book, Jews honor that moment not only during the festival of Shavuot but again and again, each time we take the Torah from the ark and re-enact that moment, and each time that we learn together and create the living Torah in our midst. In effect our continued study of Torah and our textual history, and our creation of Torah through interpretation and midrash is our way of ensuring that Sinai truly is an eternal moment.

In this unit we have the opportunity to engage our students in this essential Jewish act of text study and more importantly to begin the task of impressing upon them the centrality of text and learning for the survival and celebration of our tradition. Even as we impress upon them this vital Jewish value and practice, they will create their own impressions on the tradition as they begin to find their voices in conversation with our texts and traditions and we find myriad ways of recording them through writing and visual media and performance to be woven into our textual tradition and continue the evolution of that eternal moment at Sinai.

Our unit on People of the Book will continue through March, April and May. We look forward to celebrating our learning once again with the congregation on May 13th.

## Family Purim Carnival

Saturday, March 11, 11:30-12:30 pm

Join our Beit Sefer students for our home-grown Purim carnival, featuring booths created by Beit Sefer students, recycled prizes, homemade hamantaschen, and your education staff in a Purimschpiel to remember. Come in costume or play in our dress up box but don't miss this entertaining family fun for all.

## Creating the Best Seder Ever

A Family Passover Workshop

Wednesday, April 5, 6:30-8:00 pm  
With Rabbi Angel and Sue Bojdak

It's the same story every year. It takes a long time to get to the food. And it goes on late into the night. Does the seder ever seem like a cruel test of your child management skills? Then this workshop is for you! In this hands-on family workshop, we will be exploring new strategies for creating an engaging, interactive, fast-paced, child-centered seder experience. Find out how to play while you fulfill one of your most important parental mitzvot, passing on the story of our liberation. For parents and their kids ages 5 and up. A light supper will be available for a small fee beginning at 6pm. Please rsvp to Sue by Monday, April 3rd.

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# Working for Social Change in Israel

Thursday, March 23, 7:00 pm  
at Sha'ar Zahav

Meet Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC). IRAC is the public and legal advocacy arm of the Israel Movement for Progressive (Reform) Judaism. The Center's mission is to advance religious freedom and pluralism, tolerance, social justice and civil liberties in Israel, based on the belief that these values are intrinsic to and stem from a liberal understanding of Judaism. Since its establishment in 1987, the Center has been a leader in the struggle for freedom of religion and conscience in Israel.



In Jerusalem where women are traditionally consigned to a subordinate role, Ms. Hoffman led the battles for the right of women to pray at the Western Wall and women's equal pay for equal work, as that city's Councilwoman for 14 years. Ms. Hoffman pushed relentlessly for the provision of adequate municipal services for the more than 200,000 Palestinian citizens of Jerusalem. She has fought long and hard to see that the powerful Orthodox bloc in the City Council does not dictate lifestyle choices for the secular population of Jerusalem, the city in which she was born.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is honored to have this sought-after, dynamic and entertaining speaker who addresses audiences in Israel and in the U.S. on subjects close to her heart: social justice, religious pluralism, Jewish-Arab coexistence, and equal rights for women and minorities.

Please join us at this very special event.

Contact Sue Bojdak, Director of Family and Children's Education,  
(415/861-6932 x302 or [educator@shaarzahav.org](mailto:educator@shaarzahav.org))  
for more information about any of these programs or to RSVP.

## Please Be in Touch With Me

I am eager to be in touch with all members of the CSZ family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives. Where there is a death in the family, please call me as soon as possible. We very much want to be there with you at a time of grief.

*Rabbi Camille  
Shira Angel*

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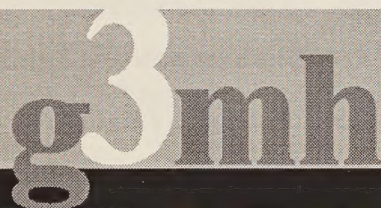


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# PURIM – Its lots of fun!

**Monday, March 13, 6:30 pm**

Purim, often called the Jewish Mardi Gras, marks the triumph of good over evil, when the Jewish people of Persia were saved by the beautiful Esther from an extermination plot by the arrogant Haman, an advisor to the king. Come celebrate this festive holiday with your friends at CSZ!

**6:30 pm: Ma'ariv Service and Megillah Reading**

The primary commandment related to Purim is to hear the reading of the book of Esther, commonly known as the Megillah. It is customary to boo, hiss, stamp feet and rattle graggers whenever the name of Haman is mentioned in the service. The purpose of this custom is to "blot out the name of Haman."

**7:30 pm: Ice Cream Social and Drag Costume Pageant**

We are also commanded to eat, drink and be merry. In addition to the traditional hamentaschen (triangular fruit-filled cookies are supposed to represent Haman's three-cornered hat), we'll fill ourselves with yummy ice cream treats. According to the Talmud, a person is required to drink until he cannot tell the difference between "cursed be Haman" and "blessed be Mordecai." A variety of beers and ciders will be available as well.

On Purim it is customary to wear costumes. In general, Judaism forbids a man from dressing like a woman or a woman from dressing like a man (see Deuteronomy 22:5). Yet, on Purim, this particular prohibition is disregarded. In the spirit of the world's first beauty pageant, where Esther was selected as one of the king's harem, we encourage you to dress in your finest and most seductive garb. Entertaining commentary and fabulous prizes will be the cornerstone of this segment of the evening.

**8:00 pm: Drag Bingo and Israeli Dancing**

The word "Purim" means "lots" and refers to the lottery that Haman used to choose the date for the massacre. Ever notice that BINGO and PURIM have the same number of letters? So, we'll be picking numbers and letters and for only \$5 for 4 cards, you can make a financial killing if you're one of the winners of the Purim Drag Bingo Game. We'll also feature Israeli dancing with Elizabeth Wakcher in the oneg room.

Everyone is welcome. For questions or to volunteer to help, please contact Marc Wernick at [mhwernick@aol.com](mailto:mhwernick@aol.com) or 415.928.7883.

Please join us for all or part of the evening.

## Bring a Friend to CSZ!

**Friday, March 3**

This is the night to "Bring a Friend to CSZ!" As part of Shabbat Across America, a nation-wide effort to help people connect to a Jewish community, we are asking all members to bring one friend who might be interested in getting involved with CSZ. There will be a casual wine and cheese reception at 7:00 p.m., followed by 8:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat services filled with music and spirit. No pressure and no extravagant program – just a fun and uplifting introduction to our community. So remember, on March 3, Bring a Friend to CSZ!!

## Hang Out and Do Art Day

**Sunday, March 5, 3:00 - 6:00 pm**

Feel like hanging out with fellow CSZ'ers and do what ever that you do? The Fine Arts Committee welcomes all artists and putterers to hang out in comfy clothes and draw, paint, collage, bead, knit, make music, cook up something delicious, AND brainstorm about how we can beautify our CSZ home in the coming year. Last year about ten of us painted the oneg room and Jeanette Nichols adorned our walls with vines and pomegranates. This year, who knows?! Bring snacks and drinks. RSVP (requested but not required) or questions to Barbara Cymrot, 415-337-5350.

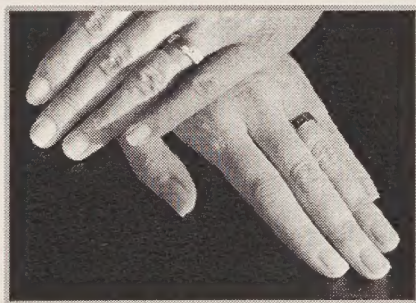
## Keep Not Silent:

**Three Orthodox lesbians' individual, extraordinary struggles for love (Off Site)**

**Thursday, March 9, 7:30 pm**

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## Family Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner

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Bring in Shabbat with community, blessings, food and song, then stay for Shabbat services. Families with children of all ages are encouraged to come. Dinner is vegetarian potluck; please bring a dish to share. No RSVP required. For more information contact Sue Bojdak at [educator@shaarzahav.org](mailto:educator@shaarzahav.org) or 415-861-6932 x302.

Rabbi Angel Presents:

## "Ohhh... So that's what it means!"

A Fresh Look at Familiar Prayers.

Two Tuesdays, March 28 and April 7, 7:00 pm

We say them weekly or even daily, and we have a vague impression of what they're about, but few take the time to study them. A closer look at our regular tefillot reveals a richness of meaning usually glossed over in our rote recitals. In session one, we will analyze the Shema and It's Blessings in detail, as well as the Shabbat Amidah. In session two we will focus on the Aleynu le-beach, the Kaddish and the Adon Olam. Free. Please register at [programs@shaarzahav.org](mailto:programs@shaarzahav.org)

## Music in the Mishkan

Sundays at 4:00 pm

March 26: Russian Rain

April 30: Quartets in Full Bloom

May 21: Springtime Trios

CSZ's chamber music concert series is back for a seventh fabulous season, under the direction of our own Randy Weiss. This year's springtime-themed series features works by Mozart, Brahms, Stravinsky and Ravel. Tickets are on sale now!

## First Friday Shabbat Potluck Dinner

Friday, April 7, 6:30 pm

Join us for a potluck Shabbat dinner before services on the first Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome to eat, schmooze and get to know more people in the CSZ community. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share at the Shabbat table in the Oneg room. Sponsored by the Keshet Committee.

## Save the Date! The CSZ Home Made Passover Seder

Thursday, April 13

CSZ's "Home Made" Passover seder is back! Celebrate Pesach with the CSZ community at our congregational second-night seder. Details to be announced.

## Talmud with Ruth Haber

Saturdays, April 29 and May 6, 1:00 pm

Would you like to spend a couple of Shabbat afternoons in study? Ruth Haber has taught two highly successful classes on this amazing Jewish text at Sha'ar Zahav and we are delighted to offer another opportunity to study with her. The Talmud is a talking book. It is a book of conversations — between sages, and also between the texts that the sages bring together (Bible, Mishnah, Midrash, folktales, etc). Reading just one story from the Talmud, we will consider the many texts within the one, so tasting the richness and resonance that the conversation has created for us. Ruth Haber is a doctoral student and instructor in the field of Rabbinics at the UC Berkeley-Graduate Theological Union Program in Jewish Studies. \$15 CSZ members, \$25 public. Please register at [programs@shaarzahav.org](mailto:programs@shaarzahav.org)

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- 4 Randy Blaustein
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- 5 Elias Rose
- 5 Chava Novogrodsky-Godt
- 6 Kevin Stein
- 8 David Couch
- 8 Amy Cunninghis
- 9 Nancy Igdaloff
- 10 Stephen Shotland
- 10 George Mintzer
- 10 Dana Vinicoff
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- 12 Hershey Hirschkop
- 12 Joseph Weinberg



- 13 Mary Schroeder
- 13 Michael Frank
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- 16 Oona Alexandra
- 16 Jonathan Pannor
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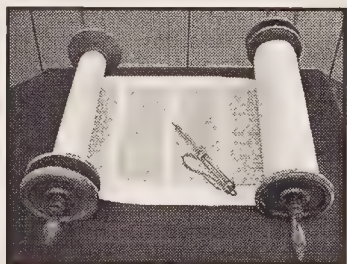
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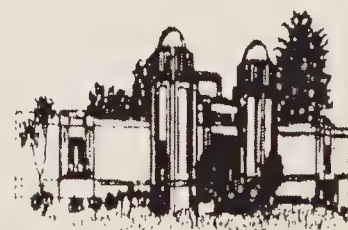
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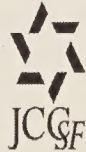
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Adar 1	2	3	4
			4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm Shimui Design Team	7 pm Shabbat Across America Services led by Rabbi Angel	9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel 10 am Harrison Weinberg Bar Mitzvah 6 pm Rainbow Fund Celebration
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3 pm Art Day 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service:30 7 pm <i>Keep Not Silent</i> (off site)	7:30 pm Shabbat Service	9 am Rabbi Angel leading Torah study 9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services led by James Carlson and Leslie Kane 12 pm Beit Sefer Purim Carnival
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Purim begins tonight Megillah Reading 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 7 pm Keshet Committee	Purim 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm Va'ad Meeting	6:30 pm Family Shabbat Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Kabbalat Shabbat Ensemble	9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Randy Weiss 10 am Benjamin Rainero-deHaan Bar Mitzvah
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30 Nisan 1	31	
4 pm Music in the Mishkan 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm CEB Meeting	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	7:30 pm Shabbat Services	



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6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm Family Passover Workshop	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Shabbat Potluck Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Angel	9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services 12 pm Shabbaton
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 7 pm Keshet Committee	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	Passover begins 1st Seder No Beit Sefer Office closes 3 pm 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	Office closed Pesach (Passover) 5 pm CSZ Homemade congregational seder 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel	No Beit Sefer 9 am Rabbi Angel leading Torah Study 10 am Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	Pesach ends Office Closed 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	Last day of Passover 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm Va'ad Meeting	6:30 pm Family Shabbat Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Kabbalat Shabbat Ensemble	9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services 10:30 am Tot Shabbat
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm CEB Meeting	Yom HaShoah Holocaust Memorial Day 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm Ritual Committee	Rosh Kodesh (Nisan & Iyyar) 7:30 pm Women's Shabbat Services	Rosh Kodesh (Iyyar) 9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services 1 pm Torah Study with Rabbi Abner
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